

ized to be paid in the fiscal year 1927, and for payment for electric current for new forms of street lighting shall not exceed 2 cents per kilowatt-hour for current consumed.

SEC. 14. All motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles (including watercraft) owned by the District of Columbia shall be operated and utilized in conformity with section 16 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 77, 78), and shall be under the direction and control of the Commissioners, who may from time to time alter or change the assignment for use thereof, or direct the alteration or interchangeable use of any of the same by officers and employees of the District, except as otherwise provided in this Act. "Official purposes" shall not apply to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia or in cases of officers and employees the character of whose duties makes such transportation necessary, but only as to such latter cases when the same is approved by the Commissioners. No motor vehicles shall be transferred from the police or fire departments to any other branch of the government of the District of Columbia.

SEC. 15. Appropriations contained in this Act for highways, sewers, Division of Sanitation, and the Water Division shall be available for snow removal when ordered by the Commissioners in writing.

SEC. 16. This Act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Appropriation Act of 1952".

Approved August 3, 1951.

Public Law 107

CHAPTER 293

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide housing relief in the Missouri-Kansas-Oklahoma flood disaster emergency.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 8 (b) (2) of the National Housing Act, as amended, is hereby amended (1) by inserting after the word "construction" in both places where it appears therein the words "or reconstruction" and (2) by striking out the words "And provided further" in the last proviso thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Provided further" and by inserting at the end of said last proviso a colon and the following: "And provided further, That, where the mortgagor is the owner and occupant of the property and establishes (to the satisfaction of the Commissioner) that his home, which he occupied as an owner or as a tenant, was destroyed or damaged to such an extent that reconstruction is required as a result of a flood, fire, hurricane, earthquake, storm or other catastrophe, which the President pursuant to section 2 (a) of the Act entitled 'An Act to authorize Federal assistance to States and local governments in major disasters, and for other purposes' (Public Law 875, Eighty-first Congress, approved September 30, 1950), has determined to be a major disaster, such maximum dollar limitations may be increased by the Commissioner from \$4,750 to \$7,000, and from \$5,600 to \$8,000, respectively, and the percentage limitation may be increased by the Commissioner from 95 per centum to 100 per centum of the appraised value".

SEC. 2. Section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize Federal assistance to States and local governments in major disasters, and for other purposes" (Public Law 875, Eighty-first Congress, approved September 30, 1950), is amended by inserting in clause (d) of the first sentence thereof after the words "in such major disaster" the following: "providing temporary housing or other emergency shelter for

Passenger vehicles.

60 Stat. 810.

Restriction.

Snow removal.

Short title.

August 3, 1951
[H. J. Res. 303]

Missouri-Kansas-
Oklahoma flood
disaster.
64 Stat. 49.
12 U. S. C. § 1706c.

64 Stat. 1109.

families who, as a result of such major disaster, require temporary housing or other emergency shelter.”

Approved August 3, 1951.

Public Law 108

CHAPTER 294

AN ACT

August 4, 1951
[H. R. 315]

To liberalize the service pensions laws relating to veterans of the war with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection, or the Boxer Rebellion, and their dependents.

Veterans, War with
Spain, Philippine In-
surrection, or Boxer
Rebellion.
Service pensions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in determining eligibility to service pension for veterans of the war with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection, or the Boxer Rebellion, and dependents of such veterans, which are payable under the laws reenacted by the Act of August 13, 1935 (49 Stat. 614; 38 U. S. C. 368, 369), or under Acts amendatory or supplemental to such laws, the following additional rules shall obtain:

Delimiting dates.

(a) The delimiting dates of the war with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection, or the Boxer Rebellion shall be from April 21, 1898, to July 4, 1902, inclusive: *Provided*, That if the person was serving with the United States military forces engaged in the hostilities in the Moro Province the period herein stated shall extend to July 15, 1903.

Active service.

(b) In computing active service there shall be counted continuous active service which commenced prior to and extended into the applicable period specified in (a) hereof or which commenced within such applicable period.

(c) A discharge or release from active service under conditions other than dishonorable shall be a prerequisite to entitlement to service pension.

Monthly rates.

SEC. 2. The minimum monthly rates of pension payable to veterans by virtue of the laws referred to in section 1 as modified by this Act shall be \$90 in cases where the veteran served ninety days or more or was discharged for disability incurred in service in line of duty unless such veteran is now or hereafter becomes on account of age or physical or mental disabilities, helpless or blind, or so nearly helpless or blind as to need or require the regular aid and attendance of another person, the monthly rate shall be \$120; and \$60 in cases where the veteran served seventy days or more unless such veteran is now or hereafter becomes on account of age or physical or mental disabilities, helpless or blind, or so nearly helpless or blind as to need or require the regular aid and attendance of another person, the monthly rate shall be \$78.

Payment.

SEC. 3. Except as provided in section 4 hereof, where eligibility for pension or increase of pension is established by virtue of this Act, pension shall be paid from date of receipt of application therefor in the Veterans' Administration, but in no event prior to the first day of the second calendar month following the enactment of this Act: *Provided*, That payment of death pension may be made from date of death of a veteran where claim therefor is filed within one year after date of death of the veteran, but no payment shall cover a period prior to the first day of the second calendar month following the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 4. All persons receiving pensions on the day prior to the effective date of this Act under the laws referred to in sections 1 and 5 of this Act shall, effective the first day of the second calendar month following the enactment of this Act, receive the benefits of this Act without the necessity of filing a claim therefor.